

Cambridge Cherry Hinton (village) Scrapbook 1897 to 1990

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## Cherry Hinton (village) Scrapbook

1897 02 25

Cherry Hinton lady & bread p2

1897 06 24

Sewage, Cherry Hinton, p2

1897 12 13

A tailor of Cherry Hinton had a sad tale to relate to the Borough Coroner at the inquest held on the body of his five-year-old son. On the evening of 26th November he heard the child screaming and found him sitting on his aunt's knee with one of his fingers crushed. The child had managed to put his finger in between the rollers of the mangle and one finger was badly crushed. She had to reverse the rollers to get it out. The boy was treated at hospital but then showed signs of tetanus, grew rapidly worse and died.

1898 09 03

Cherry Hinton is the meeting place of the old and new; a study in contrasts. St John's ward contains trim villas, modern residences, and a population increasing rapidly year by year. On the other hand, St Andrew's ward is intensely rural, the scene of scattered dwellings and old thatched gables. In short, St John's is suburban, while St Andrew's yet retains its agricultural character. Thus a drainage scheme is less needed in the latter than the former and the inhabitants of St Andrew's insist that they will have none of it, while in the former it has long been common knowledge that emphatically "something must be done", and that quickly, for the constantly growing population

1898 11 18

Cherry Hinton proposed division, p3

1900 08 15

An accident happened at Cherry Hinton. The 8.55 passenger train was due, but the gates over the Cherry Hinton crossing remained closed; consequently the engine, which was travelling backwards, dashed into them with horrific force and smashed them to pieces. The head lamp on the engine was broken, but no other damage was done. The gatekeeper has been suspended.

1900 10 06

Sir – I see that several shareholders of the Tramways Company suggest that small buses only should be allowed to run between Cherry Hinton and the Market. If it means that we are to fold and squeeze ourselves up like figs into the wretched boxes that we hoped had long since been turned into firewood the company has reckoned without their hosts. We have had enough of the stuffy snail-paced coffins and if the company can do no better we are ready to start a couple of rattling good two-horse buses of our own – G. Bland.

1901 08 27

Bottisham magistrates received an application for a licence to sell beer at premises in Coldham's Lane, Cherry Hinton. There were only two houses near, both the property of the Saxon Portland Cement Company who say it would be a great temptation to the men to obtain drink and neglect their work. The cement factory now employs about 50 men. It would be impossible for the police to have proper supervision; it would lead to Sunday drinking and become a scandal to the neighbourhood.

1902 07 16

Sir – if Cambridge and Chesterton are excluded from the County Council it will become a superfluous organisation whose few remaining functions could well be carried out by the Rural Councils. The loss of revenue would impose upon the rural districts a burden which would be simply crushing. What would Cambridge gain – nothing unless it is made a County Borough. But with the population of

Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and Newnham Croft added Cambridge would still be short of the 50,000 requisite to form a County Borough – John Bester

1902 07 21

Professor T. McKenny Hughes was summoned for riding a bicycle on the footpath at Cherry Hinton. P.C. Sanford said when he stopped him the defendant then began to complain and said the police would be doing better if they were moving the horses and carts on the road as they were a great nuisance. There was no traffic about at the time. The Chairman said the defendant was hardly setting a good example and would be fined 3s 6d and 6s 6d costs.

1902 07 28

The people of Old Cherryhinton participated in festivities in celebration of the Coronation. They took the form of sports and a tea, besides various minor amusements, while music entered largely into the scheme of pleasure. 900 people availed themselves of the opportunity to take tea which took place in a large erection constructed of canvas under trees in a meadow. Beside this temporary tea-room stood a traction engine with steam up but it was not attached to any bread-cutting arrangement such as might have been necessary to cope with the extraordinary demand. It was used to boil water for the tea. CDN 1902 07 28

1902 09 26

There was an exceptionally large congregation at St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, to witness the marriage of a couple who are both deaf and dumb and there were 30 who were unable to hear and speak. The contracting parties were Mr Frederick Baish of Cherry Hinton and Miss Emily King of Saffron Walden. The ceremony was performed by the Rev A.H. Payne of the Deaf and Dumb Church, London.

1903 08 29 c

Sir – a report is circulating that a lad was sent from Cherry Hinton to the tents on Coldham's Common supposed to be suffering from smallpox and that after a week he was sent home, only to be taken away a second time in a few days. Another report is that during the recent heavy rains the beds in the tents were surrounded by water and the deaths that have occurred there have been caused by cold and not by smallpox, as reported. As ratepayers we have a right to know whether this is true or false. – Villager

1903 10 24

The recent completion of the Atlas Stone Company works at Coldham's Lane will add to the industrial importance of the Romsey Town and Cherry Hinton districts of Cambridge. A complete plant for the manufacture of artificial paving slabs on the most up-to-date principles has been installed with a hydraulic press capable of 500 slabs per day worked by electric power. The chief market is in London and the Eastern Counties where the value of artificial flags for footways has been firmly established.

1903 11 11

Under Government regulations no child can be boarded out with foster-parents of different religious denominations to that in which the child is registered. At Cherry Hinton a girl had been fostered with a couple who took very great interest in her. At the time they took her the wife was undoubtedly Church of England and the husband went nowhere. Since then he had started going to the Baptist Chapel and his wife felt it her duty to go with him and take the child. Now the Ladies Boarding-Out Committee had threatened to take the child away from them. Being Government servants they must obey the rules and regulations laid down for their guidance.

1904 02 11

Cherry Hinton fields, p3

1904 02 23

County Council electioneering tactics at Cherry Hinton were exposed in confidential correspondence between two potential candidates. Mr Neal, the owner of Cherry Hinton Hall, was too unknown to have the slightest chance of carrying the seat. Many scarcely knew there was a Hall and he had not had time to make it a centre of interest. The parish is Radical to the backbone and the Conservatives would be giving the seat away to the opposition were he to stand. However Mr Brooke had great strength with the cottagers and even the Dissenters would support him. In the event of his being elected he would not serve once the Education question had been settled and would stand down, making it easier for Mr Neal to win the seat.

1904 06 15 c

A terrible fatality occurred on a farm at Catley Park, Linton where a steam cultivator of Messrs Pamplin Bros of Cherry Hinton was at work pulling in a field. There was a large steam traction engine at each end of the field and the great boiler of one of them suddenly burst without the slightest warning with portions of the engine sent flying in all directions. The driver was caught by a piece of iron about the breast but is not seriously injured. A water cart was standing near under the charge of a farm workman who was struck on the head and killed on the spot. Portions of debris were found more than 200 hundred yards away. The thick iron boiler was broken and twisted into all shapes and little of the engine was left intact.

1904 06 16

The inquiry into the Linton traction engine boiler explosion heard from Elijah Pamplin the proprietor of the Cherry Hinton firm. They had purchased the engine in 1895 from the Oxford Steam Plough Company and it was not new then. It had been thoroughly overhauled and was repaired each winter. He had inspected the inside of the boiler himself and no new plates were needed. It was doing ordinary work and the steam gauges had indicated 120 lbs pressure. The bracket which supported the winding drum had been torn away from the boiler but he could not say whether it had burst at this place. The firm had done everything possible to prevent danger or injury. The jury reached a verdict of accidental death. A formal Board of Trade investigation will be held

1904 07 01

Cherry Hinton Free Church, p4

1904 11 11

Cement making has already become a very important Cambridge industry. Extensive new works are rapidly approaching completion and have made a great change in the landscape of Cherry Hinton. The pleasant path through the fields from the end of Mill Road is hardly recognisable now. It has been diverted to make room for a huge collection of buildings from which a new siding leads to the railway line close at hand. These are the Norman Cement Company's works

1905 03 10

A company is being formed to provide a service of motor 'buses for Cambridge. Eight 'buses will be put down at first by which it is hoped to run a 15 minutes' service from Chesterton, another from the Huntingdon road district to the centre of town and a seven minutes' service to the railway station. Should the venture prove successful the more outlying districts such as Newnham Croft and Cherry Hinton will be catered for 05 03 10

1905 04 08

The Cambridge Motor Omnibus Company has been formed. It is nowadays essential for the business of the town to have a convenient and quick means of transit and the omnibuses will be appreciated by the public and become a source of income to the shareholders. With eight vehicles it will be quite easy to maintain a 15-minute service from Chesterton and the Huntingdon Road to the centre of town and a seven-minute service to the railway station. Should these prove successful it will be extended to outlying districts such as Newnham Croft and Cherry Hinton. There is little doubt that horse traction for omnibuses and tramcars will shortly be superseded by petrol and electricity. 05 04 08a

1905 10 05

Cambridge Town Council wrote to Chesterton R.D.C. saying they wish to extend their boundaries to incorporate parts of Chesterton, Cherry Hinton, Trumpington and Grantchester. Chesterton are to reply saying they will give such project its most strenuous opposition. 05 10 05-b

1906 02 13

Licences – Hopbine, Cherry Hinton – 06 02 13c

1906 06 14

Cambridge water supplies might be polluted from sewage from Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn. Householders use pails for the collection of excreta and if this is spread on the land then the possibility of typhoid organisms finding their way into the water supply must be remote. A more serious menace is the soakage of infected matter from improperly-constructed cesspools and the sewage from the Asylum. Some Cambridge people have started to boil their water 06 06 14a & b

1907 01 03

A signalman at Cherry Hinton signal box experienced the agony of seeing his son killed before his eyes. While he was on duty his three-year-old lad toddled across the line to visit his father, just as a passenger train was approaching. Unable to leave his post and unable to prevent the accident, the father saw his son knocked down by the train. He was picked up, shockingly injured, and conveyed by the train to Cambridge station and from thence to Hospital but was dead before he arrived 07 01 03b

1907 08 21

Pamplin Bros, of Cherry Hinton were summonsed after Pc Gray saw a steam roller pulling a stack elevator, water cart and a house van. Albert Anderson, the driver, said he had been at work at Chrishall and ordered to call at Audley End and pick up the house van, then call at the Fighting Cocks, Wenden and take on the stack elevator. It was a steamroller with a smooth wheel, not a locomotive. But the magistrates decided the roller was hauling and thus became a locomotive under the meaning of the Act under which they were charged. 07 08 21

1907 09 28

Sir – the cartage of the sewage filth into Milton is again in full swing. Considering the outbreak of fever at the Hospital and at Cherry Hinton everyone must agree this is a terrible risk to run and it should be stopped. Crude sewage was run as usual on Sunday down a ditch to Baitsbite Lock which should supply the lower fen with pure water. This is within a few feet from where the University boats start, and would hardly commend itself to rowing clubs – ‘Ratepayer’ 07 09 28

1907 10 30

Cherry Hinton baby choked – 07 10 30

1908 07 17

A shocking railway accident, resulting fatally, occurred at the Cherry Hinton level crossing. Two light engines were approaching and the gatekeeper, Mr West, being absent at the back of his house, his daughter was closing the gates. One easily shut but before she had time to close the second the engines were upon her and she was thrown to the ground. The unclosed gate was badly damaged. The gatekeeper was 71 years of age and on duty all hours. For the last four weeks he had been called at four o'clock in the morning and was on duty till 10.30 pm. CWN 08 07 17 p5

1908 09 11

During the harvest considerable depredations have been made in Cherry Hinton fields by parties of boys and girls who, under the guise of ‘gleaners’, have stolen a large quantity of beans. People should not buy beans from them. Gleaning was confined to the villagers who were allowed into the fields after a certain time but the children of Cambridge had no such rights; 22 were known to have been involved in the thefts. CWN 08 09 11 p3

1908 12 11

Government Inspectors say a large source of Cambridge water should be abandoned as it is dangerous to the lives and health of the inhabitants. It had been suggested that contamination came from Fulbourn Asylum sewage but the experts say the danger comes from the villages of Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn where the method of sewage disposal are at the very least primitive. Even if sewage was excluded from the present leaky sewers it would still be disposed of in cesspools and there is no certainty that these would not leak. CWN 08 12 11

1909 07 02

Cherry Hinton dairyman fined – 09 07 02

1909 12 31

As polling dates are fixed both political parties have redoubled their vigour. In Cambridge Mr S.O. Buckmaster spoke at the Gladstone Centenary Dinner at the Cherry Hinton Liberal Club while Almeric Paget has meetings arranged at St Barnabas Institute. The fight in East and West Cambs bids fair to be especially keen with meetings some distance apart. The motor car is a wonderful ally and enables the candidates to set distance and bad roads at naught but it is not conducive to the best of health to be exposed to the vagaries of the climate while travelling at high speed from one hot and crowded meeting room to the next. CWN 09 12 31

1910 02 25

The high ground near Cherry Hinton was the scene of some interesting military operations. For several hours the Gogs resounded with the crackle of rifle fire and the thunder of artillery as the tide of battle rolled slowly from Reservoir Hill past the Golf Links until arrested at Limepit Hill. The operations supposed that the Great Eastern Railway line was the frontier between two states which had mobilised their troops. A cavalry brigade at Newmarket was reinforced by some infantry and guns and Fulbourn was fortified. 10 02 25m & n

1910 05 20

Residents from Cherryhinton Road complained that if linen were hung out to dry in the garden 'smuts' caused by smoke from the chimney of the Swiss Laundry made it so dirty that it had to be taken in and washed again. The air ought not to be polluted by this offensive smell and dirt and they suggested the chimney be carried up another 50 feet and the manager of the laundry be requested to use different fuel. 10 05 20a

1910 07 15

The proprietor of the Swiss Laundry, Cherry Hinton was summonsed for allowing the chimney to send forth black smoke, causing a nuisance to residents. Complaints went back to 1903 but had stopped when they put in a new boiler in 1908 and started burning Welsh coal. Since then it had started again. It was impossible to hang clothes out to dry. Mrs Robjent said she'd washed a tablecloth three times and eventually had to send it to the laundry. The fruit in the garden got covered with black smuts and those who worked there looked like sweeps. 10 07 15a

1910 10 07

The scheme for extending the Borough boundaries so as to include Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and the urban portions of Grantchester, Trumpington and Fen Ditton was formally launched. The boundary with Chesterton is an imaginary line running down the centre of the river which presents legal difficulties over dredging. The river is used by member of the University for rowing but most of the boathouses are on the Chesterton side. The Corporation own a cemetery the parish of Fen Ditton. They have constructed a sewer and laid water mains along Newmarket Road and the land will no doubt be used for building. 10 10 07e & i & j

1910 11 18

On Saturday evening a traction engine belonging to Messrs Pamplin of Cherry Hinton was passing through Boxworth with two trucks of coal. When near the Brickyard Gate the plug was blown out, causing a stoppage of several hours near Soldier's Drove. Horses and a water cart had to be fetched from Elsworth to re-fill the engine and it was not until 11pm that a fresh start could be made. It returned at three in the morning. 10 11 18d

1911 02 03

The Inquiry into the extension of Cambridge borough boundaries heard that Cherry Hinton was part of Chesterton Rural District and divided into two wards. St John's was obviously an outgrowth of the town while the old village was in St Andrew's ward. The parish had the expenses of sewerage as a result of which their rates were very considerably in excess of the Borough rates. But the old village had no sewerage at all, the drainage being by means of cesspools. 11 02 03c

1911 04 07

The Local Government Board is in favour of the extension of Cambridge to include parts of Chesterton, Cherry Hinton, Grantchester and Trumpington. 11 04 07f

1911 04 04

Training he received in the Cherry Hinton Boy Scouts allowed Herbert Stone of the Wood Pigeon Patrol to save his two little brothers and his little sister from being burnt to death at Rydal Villa, Hartington Grove. The window curtains caught alight in their bedroom and spread to a chair containing the youngsters' clothes, then to a chest of drawers. Herbert stamped and beat the flames out just in time: the iron work of the large double bed in which the three little ones lay asleep was scorched, as was the counterpane. His hands and feet were scorched and large holes were burnt in the feet of his stockings 11 04 14

1911 05 19

Greater Cambridge editorial: Chesterton UDC will cease to exist, parishes of Cherry Hinton, Trumpington and Grantchester will be divided and urban portions come into Cambridge 11 05 19c

1912 03 29

Today the population of the Borough of Cambridge is 40,560. On Monday it will be 57,073. The extension of the boundary now brings in Chesterton and the urban portions of Trumpington, Cherry Hinton and Grantchester. These suburbs were inhabited almost entirely by people whose living lay in Cambridge but were separated from it by the River Cam or purely artificial borders. It means that the residents will now be under the care of the Cambridge Town Council. 12 03 29c

1912 06 07

Mr I.G. Elworthy told a meeting at Morley School that he had been one of the first members of Cherry Hinton parish council in 1894. When he first came there were only 50 houses but the district had developed enormously and the need for a recreation ground was very urgent. With the enormous increase of motor traffic it became more and more dangerous for children to play in the streets. The Council should purchase a site between Cherryhinton Road and Mill Road and in the meantime the Cattle Market field should be laid out as a temporary playground. It could be planted with trees like Christ's Pieces and would preserve the beauty of the district 12 06 07d & e

1912 07 26

Licensing: Cherry Hinton Russian Arms, 12 07 26 o&p

1912 11 15

Licensing compensation for Cherry Hinton Russian Arms 12 11 15

1913 05 02

East Cambs bye-election, meetings Burwell, Whittlesford, Ely, Wicken, Soham. Ely, Sawston, Cherry Hinton

1913 05 02

Stacks on a farm at Kennett had been sold before the farmer was made bankrupt and should not be claimed by the Official Receiver, a court heard. It was a custom to allow sold sacks to remain on the farm until it suited the convenience of the purchaser to remove them. Stacks of barley and pea straw had been threshed but not sainfoin or clover. But a farmer scarcely ever sold corn unthreshed in the stack because nobody would tell the exact quantity or quality and one was bound to make a bad bargain. Various estate agents said they had never heard of such a 'custom' but F.F. Doggett, a farmer from Cherry Hinton said it had existed locally for the last 30 years 13 05 02 p9 CIP

1913 08 01

Flower show, Littleport, Romsey Town, Isleham Cherry Hinton

1913 09 05

Guildhall extension ratepayer's opposition – any money spent on libraries should provide reading rooms for Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and Newnham: when a man got home from business he doesn't feel inclined to walk down to the town again – if you look into the Mill Road reading room at night you will see how much it is appreciated. 13 09 05

1914 07 17

A serious fire at Cherry Hinton razed Stevens and Harvey's carpenter's shop to the ground and gutted an adjoining cottage occupied by John Cooper, a labourer. The heat had dried the thatch to tinder and the wind was sufficient to carry sparks to the roof of a cottage adjacent to the shop. The workshop was beyond salvation, being stocked with wood, paints and turpentine. The whole population of the village turned out to see the fire but could give no help

1914 09 25

County roads must be improved for military transport. Some need to be widened and corners rounded off with the War Office paying much of the cost. At Coton the road will run through Mr Hunt's stackyard, Grantchester church corner needs taking off; the road at Cherry Hinton needs widening near the Robin Hood with more widening in Fulbourn village. All will be strengthened to carry artillery. The idea is to get the military from the west to east without going through Cambridge.

1914 10 09

Military roads - Stretham to Soham, one of four to allow different armies to move from west to east at same time without going through Cambridge. The first from Potton through Harston to Whittlesford and Pampisford and on to London Road near Hildersham. Sinuous road through Grantchester and Trumpington on to Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn and away on the Newmarket Road.

1914 10 16

Had Britain Winked at Germany's Cruelty?—Speaking at the Free Church, Cherry Hinton, on Sunday evening. Gipsy Smith, referring to the war, said: "There are some people whose minds become confused when they think of the war and see the amount of suffering. It is not of great importance whether we live or not, but it is of great importance whether we do right or wrong. If England had winked at Germany's Cruelty and murder, we should have been cruel murderers ourselves. I, for myself, would rather die.

1914 10 16

Cherry Hinton recruiting



1914 12 11

P.C. Lander told the inquest he had been called to the yard of Mr Webb's blacksmith shop at Cherry Hinton where he found the body of a girl lying on the ground. There was a ring of iron, a cart tyre, resting across her neck. He lifted it off and tried artificial respiration in front of the fire at the Red Lion Hotel. The tyre had been lodged against the grindstone. Children knew they were not allowed there. There was probably no more risk at this place than at many others in the village.

1916 09 20

Cherry Hinton soldier's funeral – Monk – photos – 16 09 20b

1916 10 11

Casualties includes Cherry Hinton soldiers killed by shell fire; Girton men in the Great Fight; suffering from gas poisoning

1918 10 19

A huge fire occurred at Mott's Farm, Cherry Hinton, on Saturday last. Shortly before six o'clock in the morning. Mr. Harry Pink, 49, Abbey Road, Cambridge, and his brother who are owners of the farm, were lighting an engine, and as it did not seem to draw, Mr. H. Pink opened the fire box to put in some straw. Immediately a flame shot out, which besides singeing Mr. Pink's face, ignited a stack of barley a few feet away. In an incredibly short time the stacks and farm buildings were ablaze. Other farm hands came to assist, but there was nothing to be done but to remove the livestock and agricultural implements from the buildings, and it was a tribute to Messrs. Pink that this was done with only the loss of a portable engine and drum and a water cart, which were destroyed. The buildings, however, were gutted and 14 stacks, consisting of oats, barley, beans, wheat, hay and wheat straw were burnt, the estimated damage amounting to £5,000. 18 10 19a

1919 03 12

Licences referred: do not renew Butcher's Arms, White Swan in Castle St, Corn Exchange Inn and beer houses White Swan Staffordshire St, Grafton Arms, Dog & Pheasant, Bird in Hand, Salmon on Newmarket Road; also Five Bells Cherry Hinton, Chequers at Harston and Bell, Histon – 19 03 12a

1919 09 03

New Minister.—The Cherry Hinton group of Free Churches, including Cherry Hinton, Swaffham, Prior, Teversham and Wilbraham, being without a minister, the pastorate has been offered to the Rev. Charles John Fowler, of West Row, Mildenhall, and it is now announced that he has accepted. Mr. Fowler has had about 34 years' experience of ministerial and evangelical experience, and has been at West Row for more than a quarter of a century.

1920 03 03

Cambridge Town Planning inquiry considers objections of cement manufacturers about land Cherryhinton Road; proposes new road from Cherry Hinton Road to Fen Ditton Road across Coldham's Common; had been excavation for coprolites and foundations were bad, brick pits. Was good supply for Cement works but this meant noise, dust and smoke – 20 03 03a

1920 03 10

Licensing sessions: refer East Road : Turnstile. George IV, Smith & Wheelwright Arms, King St: Boot; Gwydir St: Dewdrop; Newnham: Tally Ho; Chesterton: Indian Chief; Cherry Hinton Hopbine; Renew St Andrew's St: Queen's Arms – 20 03 10b

1920 07 14

Licences refused Cherry Hinton; Boot, King St; Tally Ho, Newnham Rd; Dew Drop, Gwydir St – 20 07 14b

1922 04 08

The designs of Cambridge town council to provide work for the unemployed by the construction of a road between Cherry Hinton and Newmarket road which had the sanction of the authorities have so far failed owing to what on the face of it appears to be a squabble between the committees concerned and the owners of property affected. It is high time something was done as at the present rate of delay - two winters have passed and a commencement has not yet been made - the unemployment crisis will be over before a pick or shovel has been set going. Meanwhile approaching £200 a week of ratepayers money is being spent upon relieving destitution caused by lack of work in Cambridge - "Table Talk"

1923 07 30

Cambridge men and women of all shades of political opinion, and a number of children, associated themselves with the world-wide demonstrations that were held to express the determination that there shall be no more war. The Cambridge demonstration took place on Parker's Piece on Sunday afternoon. Prior to this a procession marched to the war memorial. It was headed by the Salvation Army band. The Cambridge town branch of the League of Nations Union was the first of the representative bodies, with three large appropriate banners bearing the words "No more war." The Cherry Hinton band also took part, and in the rear of the procession came a pathetic little band of "hunger marchers" from Sheffield with their own banner

1924 02 12c

A largely attended meeting at Cherry Hinton carried unanimously a resolution urging the necessity of providing a branch reading room and library. Some said they should not ask for a library at the moment when all building was required for houses but they might ask public authorities sometimes a long time before they got anything. If they asked for a public library and reading room there was some chance they might get a box of books. (Laughter)

1924 03 19c

The village of Cherry Hinton has been agog with excitement with rumours regarding the wealth of a sexagenarian spinster, who was removed to Chesterton workhouse infirmary. The woman has been living in a little two-roomed whitewashed thatched cottage in the Chequers yard under conditions of poverty. The amount of her wealth has been subject to considerable exaggeration and the latest rumours place the figure at about £1,000. A search revealed £140 in coin of the realm, including £15 in gold, a large number of half-crowns and many smaller coins, secreted in several places in each of the rooms of the cottage, a fact that points to her having hoarded small sums for many years.

1924 11 05c

Counc. Doggett said Coldham's Lane was a veritable slough lately and almost impassable. Its condition had got to such a pitch that one ratepayer proposed to sow it with potatoes. Mr Rowley said £100 of material had been put on the road and they were hoping to get a grant in future. There was an extraordinary amount of traffic on the lane. It was not right to spend this money just for the sake of a cement company. In the ordinary way there was no more traffic at Cherry Hinton than there was at Teversham

1925 01 21

Certain alterations are to be made in the railway station at Cambridge. The L.N.E.R. propose to extend the main line platforms at each end so that the whole of long trains may be accommodated. The goods yards on the Cherry Hinton side are to be re-arranged and extended for the storage of carriages. Up to the present the old Newmarket line had been used but this is being handed over to Jesus College and the Corporation in connection with the building of the new arterial road from Cherry Hinton to Romsey Town

1925 07 06

As from July 1st all policemen will live rent free, the Chief Constable reported. The need for a police house at Harston was very urgent because the owner of the house which the policeman now occupied had been waiting until the officer moved before he could get married. The new Cambridge town

planning scheme was bringing a road from Cherry Hinton to the Ditton and Horningsea road and they wanted a site on the Cambridge side of the new road. At Burwell the police house was complete, with the exception of the water supply

1925 09 05

In spite of the difficulties caused by the long drought in June and July and the recent heavy rains, the harvest in most districts will be up to the average; one or two even say it will be better. At Cherry Hinton twelve hours incessant downfall on August 4th have delayed the end of the harvest in some cases. Potatoes, mangolds and sugar beet look well on the low land where sown early, but otherwise they were checked by the drought and will prove a light crop. At Cottenham plums are a variable crop and light except in a few orchards where we hear of wonderful crops

1925 09 23

Mr Taylor, employed by Messrs Pamplin Bros. of Cherry Hinton as a steam roller driver told the court he stopped the roller and living van near Bartlow cross-roads for the night. He left the van locked. In the van was half a pound of cooked ham, four eggs, half a pound of butter and a quarter pound of Brooke Bond's tea. Next morning the door had been broken open and the provisions taken.

1925 11 1c

Foreign missions take an important place in the religious life of Cambridge, and the reports from China of the shocking ill-treatment and martyrdom of missionaries at the hands of the Boxers, have been read with grave anxiety and pain in this town. The fate of Mr & Mrs Herbert Dixon has greatly exercised the minds of their many friends and it is now recognised that all hope of their having escaped is past. They were for some months in Cambridge, residing at Mill Road and when leaving were recipients of presentations from the congregation of St Andrew's Street Baptist church. Another melancholy case is that of the sister of Mr Doggett of The Farm, Cherry Hinton but Miss Gregg has escaped and is now on her way home.

1926 07 02

An application was made for the closing of a footpath known as the Top Footpath at Cherry Hinton. There was no opposition. Mr E.G. Pamplin, the owner of the premises through which the footpath runs, had agreed to put in suitable repair an alternative route which had been almost impassable in winter and in wet weather. He would also pay over to the Parish Council the sum of £100 to be applied as they chose. When the back lane was put in repair it would be over 50 yards shorter than the present route which was really dangerous for children from cyclists.

1927 03 04

Cambridge Library Committee recommended that steps be taken to provide reading rooms in Chesterton and Cherry Hinton. At the time of amalgamation in 1911 it was one of the conditions that Chesterton should be given a public library. At Cherry Hinton they had in 1924 prevailed upon the council to provide a public reading room. It was hoped to set up a small reference library at each. Suburban Cambridge was growing rapidly and they were a necessity.

1927 09 08

Cambridge Guardians said the number of casuals received into the Institution had been increasing year by year. A position had been reached on crowded nights when the number had reached as many as 117 men. It was quite obvious that extra accommodation had to be found and a place large enough to ensure the two night's detention – a great deterrent to the work-shy tramp, and to provide suitable work for the casuals. A farm had been found near the village of Cherry Hinton, in some ways the ideal place, but the project would be expensive.

1927 12 27

The Ortona motor buses had a terrible time in the blizzard. Two buses were stuck in snowdrifts out Newmarket way, one near Teversham corner, a Willingham bus on the Huntingdon Road near the Five Bells, a Caxton bus near Toft and a Saffron Walden bus near Whittlesford station, where they

remained many hours. Another bus got nearly to Sawston before it got stuck and had to be dug out and the Fulbourn bus could only get as far as the Robin Hood, Cherry Hinton. Relief gangs were sent to the rescue of the stranded vehicles and they were being dug out and coming home one by one.

1929 01 30

General regret will be felt at the news of the death of Mr Eliab Pamplin, partner in the well-known firm of agricultural engineers. With his brother, Walter, he followed in the footsteps of his father who was a pioneer in founding the engineering concern and under them it grew to still larger proportions. He farmed extensively and also found time to devote to public service; his knowledge concerning road construction proving of great value to the Highways Committee. He took an active interest in the life of Cherry Hinton and recently made a gift of £100 to the Parish Council to extend the recreation ground.

1929 04 25

Man changed mind over purchase land Cherry Hinton – CDN 25.4.29

1930 02 13

The Robin Hood at Cherry Hinton was the only licensed house on the main Cambridge-Fulbourn Road but only had a beer licence. The brewery had spent a good deal of money improving the amenities and the introduction of motor buses and charabancs had made a great difference in trade. During the summer people came in almost every day for teas and meals like bread and cheese. It was much used by walkers including ladies who asked for port. 30 02 13e-f

1930 12 09

Branch library site, Chesterton & Cherry Hinton – 30 12 09

1931 04 24

A Cambridge builder was granted possession of a cottage at Mill End, Cherry Hinton. He had purchased it three years ago when the occupant paid 2s 9d a week. That man had left but there were now nine people living there in just a living room and kind of kitchen with a bedroom and a lean-to on the landing above. It was in a very bad state and he intended to carry out improvements; it should not have been re-let until in proper repair. 31 04 24f

1931 06 05

In all proposals affecting change to local government, the sewerage problem looms large. Cambridge is provided with a sewage scheme which appears to be adequate and the sewage farm produces a satisfactory effluent. They could cope with Chesterton and Cherry Hinton but if the town boundaries were expanded to take in Histon and Impington it would cause problems. 31 06 05 h i

1931 09 18

A big fire destroyed four cottages beside the Chequers Inn off High Street, Cherry Hinton. They were of lath and plaster and thatch and blazed fiercely, though the fire brigade were summoned they were unable to do more than keep the fire from spreading. Only one of the cottages, which were owned by Mr Smith, a baker, and were the subject of closing orders, was occupied. The village turned out in large numbers and neighbours managed to get most of the furniture from the ground floor. 31 09 18c (photo 31 09 18f)

1932 08 26

A stack fire which broke out near Coldham's Lane attracted a crowd several hundred strong. It is believed to have been started by one of the many courting couples who frequent the place. Mr A.H. Doggett of Rectory Farm, Cherry Hinton said: "The fire was not caused by internal combustion, nor by lightning. Couples come here and lie about. I don't mind so much as long as they don't damage my property". Boy scouts from Fen Ditton worked with police and farm hands to prevent the flames spreading. 32 08 26e

1933 05 10

Cambridge was one of the worst places for rats, councillors were told. The Pumping Station and the boundary ditches at Cherry Hinton were simply teeming with them. They could get rid of them in a very short time if they adopted the old plan of paying so much for each rat destroyed. In Hertfordshire there were two rats officers, and the Isle of Ely had taken other steps. But Cambridgeshire had done nothing. 33 05 10

1933 11 23

A Cambridge man told the bankruptcy court that he had farmed at Rectory Farm Coton after the war, then gone into partnership in a retail milk and dairy business in Ely High Street. In 1927 he purchased part of the dairy business at Cherry Hinton Hall Farm and then bought a coal business in John Street, Cambridge. He did not know anything about the trade and he had competition. The weather was against him: the winter of 1932 was very bad for coal merchants and the summer of 1933 made it a jolly sight worse. 33 11 23

1934 04 03

The Mayor and councillors performed the ceremony of 'beating the bounds' to mark the addition of additional areas to the Borough. They began at the east end of the cemetery grounds on Newmarket Road then toured Cherry Hinton before moving on to Trumpington where the new boundary begins on the town side of Long Road. Here the Mayor cut a light-blue silk ribbon before formally stepping into the new territory. Then after visiting the boundary a quarter of a mile beyond the L.M.S. railway bridge on the Shelford Road they were entertained to tea. 34 04 03

1934 04 12

One of the first results of Cambridge borough expansion has been the taking over of the lending libraries in Trumpington and Cherry Hinton and these new branches were opened by the Mayor. He was sure the new libraries would be well looked after. Both are established in the parish schools and contain 400 modern novels and 100 popular non-fiction works. Approximately 100 volumes will be exchanged monthly with books from the Central Library. 34 04 12

1934 04 14

Orchard Estate, Cherry Hinton. Come and see these artistically designed houses on this beautify Orchard Estate. Large hall, two reception rooms, three bedrooms, spacious kitchen and bathroom fitted with shower, bath spray, electric light, gas, Company's water. Price £495 complete. £50 down and 12/9 weekly – advert. 34 04 14

1935 01 12

We felt customers would like to know something about our dairy. Our cows graze on our fields at Chesterton, Trumpington, Cherry Hinton and Shelford Bottom, the finest pasture in the county. They are thoroughly groomed and their udders washed before being milked using electrical apparatus at our Abbey Street premises. The milk is cooled and bottled without being touched by hand, then kept in a cold storage chamber before delivery. The cream is separated daily. We guarantee early delivery twice daily to all parts of town. Arnold Brothers (established over 75 years), Abbey Street, Cambridge –advertisement. 35 01 12a & b

1935 06 07

It will cost less to wash in Cambridge from now on, thanks to the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company's new water-softening station at Cherry Hinton whose plant was designed by Messrs Roby of London. They were a public utility company which while it had a duty to their shareholders, also had a duty to the public. So when in 1934 the Company had at long last freed itself from the heavy financial drain incurred by the obsolescence of the old Fulbourn pumping station, much consideration was given to the problem of how subsequent revenue surplus could be handed back to its customers. 35 06 07 & a

1935 06 26

The proposed Cambridge town planning scheme envisages a ring road to encircle the whole town with the construction of by-pass roads and the improvement of dangerous junctions. The level crossings on the Milton and Cherry Hinton roads will be replaced with bridges. An area of 190 acres on Milton Road opposite the sewage farm acres is reserved for a municipal aerodrome with a municipal golf course off Trumpington Road 35 06 26a

1935 07 05

The Five Bells was one of five fully-licensed houses in Cherry Hinton. In 1920 the Hop Bine, next door, was done away with and the Russian Arms had been closed in 1912. Lacons the brewers said the extra penny on beer had hit sales. The Five Bells had been ringing harmoniously for a good many years to the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants and should be allowed to continue to ring a little longer. The licence was renewed – 35 07 05b

1935 08 12

Houses were threatened when a line of flame swept three-quarters of a mile of land from Trumpington to Hills Road. In Long Road helpers beat desperately at the flames to prevent them spreading along the hedges to the gardens of near-by houses whose residents used garden hoses to dampen them down. Dozens of rabbits raced wildly over the charred ground and a leveret was turned into a living mass of flame. The verge caught alight, clouds of white smoke making it impossible for passing traffic to pass at more than a crawl. Vehicles were diverted via Cherry Hinton and all available police were mobilised to control the traffic and help fight the fire 35 08 12

1936 03 03

Trinity Hall had purchased Cherry Hinton Hall Estate with a view to development and asked the council to let them proceed or to buy it as a public park for £13,000. This was more than they'd paid but the land had recently been brought within the Borough boundary and if they were to acquire open space in areas ripe for development they should have to pay building land price. They would move the Horticultural Department there and let the grazing but parts of the house would probably be demolished– 36 03 03a 36 03 05a & b

1936 05 25

The new electric clock in the tower of Cherry Hinton Church was given by Mrs Newport-Willson in memory of her husband. She also bore the expense of leading an electric cable into the church. The three feet dial is Coventry blue with gilded figures and hands. The hours are struck on the beautiful toned fourth bell and are heard all over the village. Churchyard trees have been lopped to give an unimpeded view. Over 50 years ago Mr Carter Willson built Brooklyn on Cherry Hinton Road which was then the only house between Cherry Hinton brook and the railway bridge and the family is devoted to the parish church 36 05 25a

1937 01 28

A report from Linton parish council draws attention to the increased heavy traffic through the village and suggests that the old Roman Road from Cherry Hinton should be made up. But this would cost £6,000 a mile. An alternative scheme would be the classification of the existing road leading from the Cambridge-Haverhill road though Hildersham and the construction of a by-pass linking it with the Haverhill road south of Linton 37 01 28

1937 03 05

Annual Business review: description of activities Cherry Hinton Granaries, Coulson, S. Ginn – 37 05 05a

1937 06 24

Cherry Hinton British Legion hut – 37 06 24a

1937 06 28b

Trumpington consisted largely of houses strung out along the main road but new plans for development on land owned by the Pemberton trustees would create a self-contained colony with a recreation ground surrounded by 280 houses. It would allow the village to develop a character rather than being a string of houses, an Inquiry was told. The Council would also like to borrow £13,300 to purchase part of the Cherry Hinton Hall Estate for public walks and pleasure grounds. The Hall might become a headquarters for the propagation of plants. This was likely to be a centre of considerable building development and it would be right to secure such open space 37 07 16

1937 09 10

Many people assembled at Marshall's Aerodrome to see the competitors in the King's Cup air race pass over on their journey northwards. The first swept in from the direction of Cherry Hinton, roared over the 'drome and were lost in the void beyond, travelling at over 200 mph. But the majority of the entrants made for the wrong aerodrome, heading towards the new one near Teversham and when they discovered their mistake had to bank round towards the town. 37 09 10a

1937 10 23

Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company's new workshops and depots in Rustat Road would lead to improved service, enhanced efficiency and – sooner or later – reduced charges. The old premises in Bene't Street had been a veritable shambles and disgrace with pipes stored at the disused Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn pumping stations. They would wage ceaseless war against waste by leakage and had a gang of plumbers ready to deal with any emergency 24 hours a day with the promptitude of the London Fire Brigade. 37 10 23b

1938 03 21

Cherry Hinton Hall was a 'white elephant' and should be let as a Youth Hostel. Some 2,000 people a year would use it, spending money in Cambridge. To turn the hall, which had many rooms, into a place for meetings would mean expensive interior alterations – it would be cheaper to put up a smaller place. When the council had bought the area, the house had not even been valued, it was bought on land value alone. Parts of the ground could be used for recreation with an outdoor swimming pool - there was a stream to provide the water. 38 03 21b, 38 03 25

1938 03 31

Cherry Hinton petition for bus service – 38 03 31a

1938 05 03

Cambridge's air raid precautions are taking shape with council workers and college staff being trained in anti-gas measures and first aid. But volunteers were needed for decontamination, rescue and demolition work and 100 messengers, ambulance drivers and despatch riders were wanted. Cherry Hinton Hall would be an important centre for training and, if necessary, for a first-aid station. The greatest danger in air raids came from high explosive bombs but nothing was included about underground shelters. The Government said there is no precaution against bombing; it was the council's duty to look after the injured and see damaged buildings were taken down properly. 38 05 03 & a

1938 07 07

The Government was aware of the danger to civilian populations and had made elaborate preparations. But these would be useless unless the civilian population co-operated. In Germany practically every civilian had been trained so that in the event of an air raid they knew what to do. It was deplorable that men, women and children should be destroyed by the abuse and misuse of science, but they had to be prepared for passive resistance. Cambridge would be divided into 10 minor centres which would act as headquarters for the mobile first-aid parties and there would be five main first-aid posts. At least 1,000 volunteers were needed but at present only 200 had come forward, mainly women. They could not be expected to carry stretchers and do heavy lifting work. Cherry Hinton needed 30 air raid wardens, each looking after 120 houses 38 07 07

1938 09 32

Positively the best house property value in Cambridge is obtainable at Winston Road Estate, Cherry Hinton. Delightful houses, overlooking meadows, contain two reception rooms, three bedrooms, W.C., bath (h. & c.) and all latest labour-saving fittings. Main sewerage. Large garden. Near bus route. No road charges. Price £550 freehold (about £31,300 at today's prices) (Advert) 38 09 21a

1939 01 28

Cherry Hinton has a non-provided school with teaching of a definite Christian character. It was founded by Rev Buick Bridge and later benefactors added to it bit by bit. But it was not built to meet the ever-increasing demands of the Board of Education and 14 years ago was placed on the black list. Now it has been improved with a storeroom and staff room, modern classrooms and cloakrooms with hot water. The playground space had doubled and a field rented so the children could use it for games. 39 01 28b

1939 02 07

The Auxiliary Fire Service wound up their training at Cherry Hinton Hall with a demonstration with specially made incendiary bombs. Two were used to set fire to a house of boxes kindly donated by local tradesmen which was tackled using an ordinary hand-pump with a spray jet. Many important lessons were learned. The bombs give off intense heat and coloured glasses must be worn by the fireman to protect his eyes. The application of water increases the ferocity of the flames. 39 02 07a

1939 02 13

Auxiliary Fire Service first batch of 134 recruits now training at Cherry Hinton Hall – 39 02 13b

1939 03 24

Cherry Hinton factory proposed for Lamson Paragon Supply Company – 39 03 24

1939 03 24

Cambridge Housing Association – needs desperate, perhaps use land Cherry Hinton Hall – 39 03 24a, b

1939 05 15

Cherry Hinton Hall Youth Hostel opened – 39 05 15b

1939 10 11

Air Raid precautions committee have ensured that petrol supplies will be available for special services and several garages have reserved tanks and pumps for them. There are decontaminating centres at Mill Road store yard, Cherry Hinton Hall and Victoria Road. First aid depots have been set up at Shirley and other Schools with first aid parties and two ambulances. Electrically controlled sirens have been installed which together with the steam sirens should be adequate to give necessary warnings 39 10 11

1939 11 29

Some classrooms in Trumpington and St Paul's schools were 'dark pits' because of first-aid depots being placed in schools. There was a great danger of sandbags making the rooms damp and as classrooms were being used for people to sleep in all night it was difficult to get them aired, councillors were told. It was also alarming to see enormous laundry vans standing in narrow playgrounds which have to be manoeuvred when the children were about. But at Cherry Hinton there was nowhere else they could go. However three halls there were being used by children now. If they were not fit for first-aid posts, they were not fit to teach children in, Mrs Rackham said. 39 11 29c

1940 03 23

Cherry Hinton development corner Coldham's Lane & High Street rejected – 40 03 23a



1940 04 10

Cherry Hinton ward ARP work – 40 04 10c, d

1940 08 21

ARP see demonstration of National D.X. powder to extinguish incendiary bombs, at Cherry Hinton Hall – photo – 40 08 21

1941 08 22

Cherry Hinton Hall Hostel for evacuated children opened at start war for children who cannot be kept in their billets. Some may stay; psychological treatment has been obtained – 41 08 22

1942 03 14

Civil Defence Committee consider invasion plans; will be shelter provision for 26,000; Coleridge Road and Lammas Land recreation grounds to be cultivated for foodstuffs; flower-growing to stop at Cherry Hinton Hall – 42 03 14

1942 07 10

Became Lord Mayor of London, — Sir William Phene Neal, a former Lord Mayor of London, died in London on Tuesday at the age of 81. For some years he lived at Cherry Hinton Hall, and from March, 1919 to March, 1922, he represented the old Fulbourn electoral division on the Cambridgeshire County Council. A solicitor by profession, he was elected Member of Ward of Broad Street for the Corporation of the City of London in 1893. He was Senior Sheriff of the City of London 1929-39, and was elected Lord Mayor of London the following year. He received his knighthood in 1931.

1943 01 14

"Wrecked" Church. — Two boys were seen running from St. Andrew's Church, Cherry Hinton. When investigation was made this is what was found inside: All the chairs had been turned on end, a number of buckets of water and sand had been upset; the Christmas decorations had been scattered about; the Crib was stuffed with hassocks and figures had been removed and put into the stove; a pillar near the door find been hacked with a pickaxe; two candles had been broken; all the hassocks in the vestry had been damaged and the mirror there had been smashed against the table; in short, the church had been wrecked, Two boys, aged 10 and 9, were summoned for causing wilful damage. Mr. W. L. Briggs, chairman of the Bench remarked "The best thing for you boys would be two or three good thrashings. The elder boy was put on probation under Mr Vione for two years, the first six months ...

1944 01 21

January 21, 1944

Awarded Military Medal. Trooper E- D- Smith has been awarded the Military Medal. He is the only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Jesse Smith, of 20 Queen's Meadow, Cherry Hinton. Before being called up he was employed by Messrs Hallock and Bond at their warehouse in Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge.

1944 09 22

Married 70 Years. Mr and Mrs. William Archer, of 32 Hartington Grove, Cambridge, on Saturday celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary, which indeed must be a record. They were married at St. Andrew's Church, Cherry Hinton, in 1874 by the Rev. W. S. Parrish. Mr. and Mrs. Archer have four sons and three daughters, 19 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Four grandsons are serving in the Forces. For 19 years after they were married they resided at John Street, City Road. Mr Archer has been a builder practically all his life. Mrs. Archer was 90 last March and Mr. Archer celebrated his 91st birthday last November. They were both born at Cherry Hinton.

1945 01 12

Cambridge Champion Weds. The marriage was solemnised on Monday at Cherry Hinton Church, the Rev. R. E. Walker officiating, between Leonard Ellis Baker, R.A.O.C. a D-Day officer, son of Mrs. E. M. Baker, of Tooting, London, S.W.17., and Dorothy Florence Ockenden, lady golf champion of

Cambridge and Hunts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dew, of the Empress, Thoday Street, Cambridge. During the service, Mr. Edwards was at the organ. The bride, given away by her father, was in a blue cloque dress, a musquash coat and a blue flower hat with blue veiling. The duties of best man were ably carried out by Lieut-Colonel B. Spiers, R.A.O.C. Both the reception and wedding breakfast were held at The Fountain, Regent Street.

1945 04 20

Award for Gallantry. The King has been pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the air operations: D.F.C.: Acting Squadron-Leader Anthony White Farrell, A.F.C., 85281, R.A.F.V.R., No. 105 Squadron. Squadron-Leader Farrell has at all times shown great skill and ability as a pilot. He has displayed outstanding courage and determination during a large number of operational sorties. Many of these have been completed successfully against heavily defended targets in Germany and enemy occupied territory. His high standard of resource and gallantry has enabled his crew to attain valuable results. Acting Squadron-Leader Farrell was born in 1917 at Hampstead, and his home is at Cherry Hinton, Cambs. He enlisted in December, 1939, and was commissioned in September, 1940. He was awarded the A.F.C. in 1944.

1945 05 11

VE celebrations – 45 05 11a; Beaconsfield Hall children, Sturton St, Cowper Rd, Norwich St – 45 05 16; Perne Ave, Mowbray Road, Beche Rd, Norfolk St – 45 05 18; Hobart Rd, Bradmore St, Russell St – 45 05 19b; Young St, Gonville Road & Charles St, Cam Causeway, Gt Eastern St – 45 02 22a; Ditton Fields, Romsey Women Conservatives, Suez Rd, Covent Garden, Eden St – 45 05 23; York St, Thoday St, Kingston St, Northampton St, Cherry Hinton – 45 05 24; Hills Ave, City Rd, Cavendish Rd, Malta Rd – 45 05 25; Mowbray Rd, Willow Walk, Springfield Rd, Kelvin Close – 45 05 26b; New St, Chesterton High St – 45 05 28a; Cockburn St, Newnham Croft, Madras Rd, Henley Road & Coldham's Lane – 45 05 30; Barnwell, Wellington St, Fitzroy St, Devonshire Rd – 45 05 30b; children entertained Cherry Hinton, Fairfax Rd – 45 06 02;

1945 10 19

Stack Fire.—An N.F.S. engine from Cambridge successfully dealt with a 50-ton stack fire at Nice Farm, owned by Mr. Prior at Church End, Cherry Hinton, which broke out early yesterday afternoon. Other straw stacks in the farmyard were prevented from igniting.

1947 01

Housewives are dealt yet another blow today. Cambridge University & Town Waterworks Company will reluctantly be compelled to close down the water softening plant at Cherry Hinton. Cambridge's water will then be about twice its present hardness. There have been drastic reductions in the coal required to evaporate the brine at the salt works in Cheshire. Mr Philip Porteous, managing director of the company told a reporter "The Government takes the view that water softening is one of those amenities without which we can manage in times of crisis, but we appreciate only too well the difficulties of the housewife in these days of soap rationing"

1947 04 30

For over five hours the pros and cons of a proposal to erect a greyhound and sports stadium at Cherry Hinton were argued at a local inquiry into an appeal against the Borough Council's refusal of an application by Messrs Bartlett, Dash and Evans. The intention was to establish a handsome stadium, which would become a sports centre for the Eastern Counties. A promoter said Cambridge was the centre of by far the largest area in England without a greyhound track. The borough surveyor said the whole idea of the town planning scheme was to make Cherry Hinton a self-contained village community. He considered it highly important that the five mile green belt should remain inviolate. The Minister's decision might be expected in five or six weeks

1947 09 16

Clerks, shopkeepers and mechanics during the week, fifty motor-cyclist enthusiasts of the South Midland Centre took their courage - and their machines - in both hands on Sunday to give 5,000

cheering spectators the sports thrill of their lives. The occasion was the Cambridge Centaur Motor Cycle Club's second scramble of the season at Cherry Hinton chalk pits and, unhappily the last for an indefinite period because of the abolition of the basic petrol ration. For five exciting hours, the competitors urged their snorting, bucking, skidding mounts over a gruelling course which comprised nearly a mile of the toughest ground in the county

1947 09 24

The question of providing further primary school accommodation at Cherry Hinton was mentioned at the Cambridge Borough General Purposes Committee. At a July meeting, when it was thought 200 aluminium bungalows were to be built immediately it was decided to arrange for the early erection of two classrooms adjoining Cherry Hinton School. However it is now proposed to proceed with the erection of only 100 aluminium bungalows, 75 of which would be allocated to civil servants and it was impossible to forecast the amount of educational accommodation required.

1948 01 28

The net cost per dwelling to Cambridge Town Council of the 100 permanent aluminium bungalows to be erected at Church End, Cherry Hinton may be approximately £1,142. Figures are as follows: 100 bungalows at £1,267.7s.3d. each; cost of foundations £19,019.3.4.; cost of roads and sewers £28,201; total gross cost £173,956.8s.4d. Less grant of £660 per bungalow this makes the individual cost per bungalow £1,079.11s.3d. but if there is added the cost of the land (£1,620) and payment in event of rubble not being made available to the sub-contractor for the construction of roads the figures will be approximately £1,142

1948 05 11

The watching eyes of Britain's air defence went into action on Sunday in the biggest-scale Royal Observer Corps activity in the district since the war. Observer posts were manned at Cherry Hinton, Linton, Caxton, St Ives, Abbots Ripton, Littleport and elsewhere following the movements of jet fighters, Spitfires, Lancaster and Lincoln bombers and other types of aircraft numbering over 100 aircraft put up by the RAF. At Linton I found the observers proud of their post, built at their own expense by their own labours during the war

1948 09 13

Heavy and persistent rain put a literal damper on Cambridge Centaur Motor Cycle Club's last scramble of the 1948 season at The Moats, Caxton, but a large crowd defied the weather to watch a first-class programme of races. Mackintoshes were the order of the day - even some of the riders were wearing them! The Caxton course was slightly longer, and somewhat trickier than that at Cherry Hinton. The rain, mixing with the earth churned up by the motorcycles, quickly produced a treacherous muddy surface which increased the natural hazards facing the competitors. Indeed the first hill on the circuit proved to be practically unconquerable - rider after rider came to grief there - and quite early the course was remarked to bypass the dangerous slope

1948 10 15

Cambridge Housing committee were told that 156 houses on the Birdwood Road estate were complete, but the flats were held up through shortage of labour. Work on the Green Park Estate was extremely slow. Another disappointment concerned the 100 permanent aluminium bungalows on the Church End estate, Cherry Hinton. The weight of a travelling crane which had to be used to lower the houses on to the foundations had done considerable damage to the newly-laid drains

1949 10 12

Another step in the plan to provide nursery schools throughout Cambridge has been taken in the opening of the new nursery school at Cherry Hinton. Priority is given to the children of mothers who are working or are ill and although it is a town school it has a strong local bias. It is ideally situated on the ground floor of Cherry Hinton Hall. The house was acquired by Cambridge council in the 1930s and has subsequently been used as a youth hostel and a maternity and child welfare clinic.

1949 11 18

For the second year running, Mr Percy Warrington of Cherry Hinton, and Mrs Cynthia Pitman of Trumpington, have carried off the Bobwyn Challenge Bowl awarded each year to the winners of the Cambs Old Time Dance Championship. It was held at the Rex Ballroom which had been attractively decorated with lovely chrysanthemums and green ferns surround thin the bandstand and the balcony. Tables and chair for sitting-out were placed around the sides of the room. The ballroom was filled to capacity.

1950 04 29

The Cambridge public health committee are to meet a deputation from the Communist Party on the question of raising the cost of baths from 6d to 9d at Gwydir Street public baths. This would raise the cost of living and be a further burden on the poor. The letter was supported by a petition with 300 signatures including people from Swavesey, Teversham and Cherry Hinton. The Mayor said: "People come further for a bath than I should imagine!"

1950 05 16

St Andrew's church Cherry Hinton, is yet another victim of the ravages of the death-watch beetle. The main beams supporting the roof have been attacked heavily, and may need to be replaced completely. The framework holding the bells is unsafe, and other parts of the church fabric require repair. Very little of any salvaged timber may be fit for further use. The cost is estimated at about £1,500

1950 08 05

The Youth Hostels Association has reached its 21st year and is celebrating with the publication of a history of the movement. There is mention of Cherry Hinton Hall and Houghton Mill of which it says: "Vera Watson acted as warden at Houghton nearly every weekend in 1943. Every Monday morning she cycled the 15-miles back to her work at Cambridge in order to keep the hostel open on Sunday evenings

1951 03 07

Damage by death-watch beetles to the tower of St Andrew's church, Cherry Hinton, is so serious that all the main beams in the tower will have to be replaced. The woodwork in the rest of the church has already been treated with insecticide but further trouble has been brought to light during repairs to tiles on the roof. They were 250 years old and had in the past, as an economy measure, been turned over and refixed instead of being renewed. Consequently they were now crumbling.

1951 09 18

The Minister of Local Government and Planning has confirmed the principle that there shall be a green wedge between Cherry Hinton and the main mass of Cambridge development. He has revoked planning permission previously granted for housing between Cherryhinton Road and Queen Edith's Way and says this area should be reserved for some form of open development to ensure that Cherry Hinton is not engulfed in Cambridge.

1952 01 26

The County Council considered the development of Swann's Lime Pits, Cherry Hinton, as an armament testing range and research establishment. Coun Rackham deplored the possibility of explosions taking place at the back of the adjoining school. As well as the noise the blast runs along the ground and shakes doors and windows. People have had to replace ceilings that have been shaken down. It was suggested the company use their explosives on the huts up Madingley Road where they would soon clear the ground and everything would be lovely.

1952 03 12

Following a visit to Swann's Lime Pit, Cherry Hinton, city councillors raise no objection to its continued use as a small-calibre range for armour-piercing projectiles, providing that any additional buildings are erected in the deeply-excavated position and that nothing larger than a six-pounder gun is used – so long as it is fired only in the morning & preceded by a warning.

1952 03 14

The booming of a six-pounder gun in a Cherry Hinton lime pit found its echo inside the City Council chamber when some members protested against the use of Swann's pit as a Ministry of Supply small calibre range for testing armour-piercing projectiles in the middle of a built-up area. But Alderman Doggett said he had stood within three or four feet of the weapon and was not 'disturbed' – "although it was true we had our fingers in our ears. There is really very little we can do and it wouldn't be of much use objecting", he said.

1952 03 19

St Andrew's church, Cherry Hinton, has raised £1,700 to remedy the ravages of the death-watch beetle in their old timbers. The roof tiles have been stripped and the belfry floor renewed. Plans are being prepared for a new Parish Hall on the Mowbray Road site, a portion of which would be used as a church. Mr F. Linsey has retired from the position of organist and choirmaster after 18 years.

1952 09 02

"The more houses the City Council give us to build, the more we can put up. We have been in Cambridge five years and can put up 400 houses as quickly as it takes to erect 50", said the foreman of Messrs John Mowlem's 150-house estate at Fisher's Lane, Cherry Hinton. A flag is now flying from the chimney of their 1,000th house in Cambridge. The fitting of the chimney stack is the traditional moment for celebration in the form of a bottle of beer all round for the workmen. The Poles working on this site are familiar with the practice which has existed in Europe for hundreds of years. A dinner-dance is being planned to celebrate when the house is handed over to the Council

1952 10 07

Cherry Hinton church held a special thanksgiving service for the completion of repair work. The tower roof has been renewed and a new steel bell frame installed; the bells have been tuned and rehung and the belfry floor renewed. All the woodwork of the church has been treated against death watch beetle and woodworm and much of the roof re-tiled. The bells then rang out for the first time in four years.

1952 10 13

Two hundred people gathered around the doorway of the new Memorial Hall of Cherry Hinton Free Church. In their midst stood the bricklayers and electricians, the carpenters and the painters who had built it. And there were the ladies who had made the tea. Churchgoers have built it with their own hands. It was a memorial to all those in the church who had played their part in the last war: on the civilian as well as on the military field of battle. It was a memorial to the living as well as to the dead.

1953 02 10 c

The Swiss Laundry and the Cherry Hinton Steam Laundry in Cambridge are both busy washing and ironing articles sent from flooded laundries at Lowestoft. All the employees volunteered to work throughout the weekend on consignments which arrived in lorries. The articles were covered in slime and completely unrecognisable as individual garments. By Sunday the whole consignment was completed and they were surprised how clean the articles had come. The Scotsdale Laundry was also engaged on similar work

1953 02 27

A property known as 'The Spinney', Limekiln Close, Cherry Hinton was ordered to be demolished as it was unfit for human habitation & a danger to passers-by. The thatched roof was overgrown with vegetation and the timber frame of the house rotten and on the point of coming away. The cottage was very close to a road junction and may fall towards the public highway. Children had broken into it and it looked as though it had been hit by a bomb.

1953 04 28

Cambridge council approved building licences to Mr E. Maloney for five shops, twelve flats and a garage at the junction of Perne Road and Radegund Road, at a total cost not exceeding £29,300 & to the Norwich Union Insurance Societies for a block of 20 flats at Pinehurst, Grange Road. A tender is being negotiated for building 24 three-storey concrete flats on land fronting High Street, Cherry Hinton and 72 three-storey flats overlooking the Coleridge Road recreation ground. The names of Nightingale Avenue, Almoners Avenue and Kinnaird Way have been suggested for streets on the Netherhall Estate

1953 05 07

"I think it is a lot of hooey", said Coun Cox when the Cherry Hinton firing range was discussed. He thought complaints of the amount of vibration from a six-pounder gun – not much larger than an anti-tank rifle – which was fired at the range, were "stupid and fantastic". But Coun Finbow said that recently the whole of the ceiling in one of his bedrooms collapsed because of the vibration. One neighbourhood should not be subject to range firing morning, noon and night. The council approved the use of the site by the Ministry of Supply for a period of three years

1953 05 07 c

Sir –Some of the explosions from the six-pounder gun at Cherry Hinton firing range did crack walls, move brickwork, bring down plaster, crack windows and scare children, adults and animals. Now two schools are to be built almost on the doorstep and if we have similar explosions there will be damage done. When doors rattle, knockers chatter, cracks appear and are repaired, only for the plaster to be shaken out again we are at liberty to be concerned. – J.S. Read

1953 06 26

Many people know something of the good work done by the 'Food Flying Squads' known as the 'Queen's Messengers' during the last war. But these convoys must be ready to go anywhere where an emergency has arisen and W.V.S. members must be trained. Thus providing the mid-day meal for youngsters at Cherry Hinton Day Nursery provided practical experience for the crew of the convoy maintained at Cambridge. They provided minced meat, potatoes and cabbage, followed by rhubarb pastry and custard for the 60 under-fives which was cooked on Soyer-boilers.

1953 06 30 c

Cambridge Labour Party view with alarm the proposal to grant the tenancy of a Council house to the priest-in-charge at Cherry Hinton who had taken precedence over 5,000 others on the waiting list. New Council houses were allotted to those in housing need who had been waiting longest for them but this was given to a complete stranger. The church had asked to buy a Council house for the priest but had been told they were only sold to sitting tenants. The priest was to be given a privilege that was denied to the very people he was supposed to be looking after and it could hardly help him in his work. People will complain that the way to get a house quickly was to join the church and jump the queue.

1953 07 24

Cambridge City Council debated whether a council house in Cherry Hinton was suitable for a Baptist minister. At their previous meeting they agreed to allow an Anglican minister to occupy a council house. "But there are at least 20 recognised religious denominations in Cambridge and we are opening the door rather wide", said Ald Mrs Rackham. It was most undesirable that a man should seek for himself privileges which were denied the people he was to serve and it would create a sense of injustice amongst people on the waiting list. But the application had come from a group of people who already had a church and were now anxious to have a minister

1954 07 28

An unknown little boy was the first person to give the alarm about a blaze at Rich's car-breaking yard in Coldham's Lane, Cherry Hinton. Burned stock included 10 cars, approximately 200 wheels complete with tyres, four steel motor can containers, a brick and asbestos carbide storage shed and a

paraffin tanker. Luckily no petrol was stored at the yard. Flames leapt up as high as the houses and there was so much smoke it looked like a burning oil well on the films. Car batteries exploded as hundreds of people watched the inferno. Firemen had the blaze under control after an hour but it started again and they had to be re-called.

1954 09 06

In the 1920s Canadian wheatfields were being attacked by insects. The use of spray was not satisfactory as thousands of square miles were involved & the obvious answer was a biological control, but what? Then in the fields near Cherry Hinton University scientists discovered a similar problem and noticed that a group of parasites accumulated keeping a large number of the pests in check. Great quantities of stubble were collected and stored; a number of women joined in sorting and packing and the resultant collection was shipped to Canada. When the parasites emerged they attacked the pests there. This is part of the research undertaken at Cambridge University, Dr G. Salt of King's College told a meeting.

1954 09 25

Fulbourn waterworks pumping station was reopened. Beneath the pump and control rooms is a 60,000-gallon tank. The pumps are driven by direct-current motors capable of pumping 90,000 gallons an hour to a jet chamber where dissolved carbon-dioxide is released, reducing corrosion. An efficient electricity supply and the duplication of all plant renders any breakdown almost impossible. A five-million gallon reservoir is under construction at Cherry Hinton which will bring water reserves up to two days instead of one as at present.

1954 12 28

Although there were four babies born at the Cambridge Maternity Hospital on Christmas day, not one was given a seasonable name. The first to arrive was Susan Ellis of Beche Road, then Graham Child of Cherry Hinton followed by Peter Michael Jones of Sawston and Jeremy David Pratt of Hills Road, Cambridge.

1955 07 23

Housewives turning on their taps in Fulbourn, Teversham and the Wilbrahams found the softened water, for which they have asked so long, flowing into their sinks, baths and washtubs. Cherry Hinton water softening station opened in 1935 but the laying of a new main from Fleam Dyke Pumping Station was stopped by the war and finally finished only four days ago. 55 07 23

1955 09 12

An old thatched cottage at 81 High Street Cherry Hinton was deliberately set alight by the Fire Service. The site has been acquired by Messrs. Dickerson for a modern Esso service station and garage. In view of the age of the cottage and the lack of any materials worthy of salvage it was decided that burning down was the most expedient way of disposal. The previous owner said: "I've had it insured against fire all these years and the policy doesn't expire until Christmas!" 55 09 12

1955 10 15a

Cherry Hinton British Legion opened their new headquarters. The old building had been a source of very great worry and eventually a portable building was bought. It was stored free of charge for two-and-a-half years until a suitable site on Fisher's Lane came on to the market. They bought it using funds raised from whist drivers. 55 10 15a

1956 02 13

Restorations to the sanctuary of St Andrew's church, Cherry Hinton were dedicated by the Bishop of Huntingdon. The oak reredos behind the altar has been removed and the masonry restored. Memorial posts have been erected and altar curtains of blue and gold hung and the strong-course has been restored. The work has cost £600. 56 02 13

1956 09 06

Messrs W.J. Adkins have been granted permission to build a slaughterhouse at Rosemary Lane, Cherry Hinton. The proposal raised strong controversy among local residents but the land was already allocated for industrial use. The firm operate three pork product shops and their existing slaughterhouse was cramped and badly located, there would be little nuisance and it would not awaken the morbid interest of children. 56 09 06a

1956 11 16

G.F. Levitt, a haulage contractor of Russell Street applied for permission to transfer his business to Hall Farm, Cherry Hinton. He had 14 vehicles and six of his 17 drivers lived in the area. The site had been used for haulage work in 1932 and for storing paper since 1954. But it was not a suitable site in a residential village High Street. 56 11 16a & b

1957 03 01

Miss Frances Todd has always wanted to be a hairdresser. She keeps up to date with the latest methods and feels a sense of achievement when she creates a hair style that pleases her client. Just before Christmas her Cherry Hinton shop was very busy; one day she did 17 washes and sets and two perms, normally it's about ten sets and one perm. 57 03 01

1957 03 02

Plans were agreed for a new public house, 'The Robin Hood and Little John' to be built on land adjoining a pub of the same name at Cherry Hinton. Designs originally submitted two years ago had been revised and a small smoke room omitted. There was also a large car park. 57 03 02a

1958 01 24

W.J. Adkins, butchers and provision merchants announce the opening of their new modern abattoir at Cherry Hinton with stunning pens, humane slaughter, mechanical handling of carcasses and hygienic condition. Adkins will purchase and collect animals from farmers at market prices, accept commissions from butchers and sell direct to retailers. (Full-page advert with photos of slaughter hall and carcasses). 58 01 24

1958 04 29

The 60 miles, six-lap Gog Magog cycle road race started from the Red Lion, Cherry Hinton. It was neutralised over Limekiln Road but then three of the Cambridgeshire Road Club team, J. Morley, D. Cook and M. Pilsworth, made a break. Before Sawston, on the second lap, Mick Ward from Haverhill had to make mechanical adjustments but he was in fourth place by the time they came over the Gogs for the last time. 58 04 29a

1958 10 28

Cambridgeshire Women's Institutes fear the history of our villages will soon disappear in the welter of new housing estates. So they have organised a Village Histories Scrapbook competition to tell their stories from earliest times up to the present day. The histories have been compiled into books, many of them lettered and illustrated by hand. Cherry Hinton's scrapbook was awarded top prize, followed by Soham and Papworth Everard. A special award was given to the small isolated Institute of Chrishall which made an outstanding effort. 58 10 28a

1958 12 16

Cambridge City Libraries' annual staff dinner and party was held in the Guildhall. Librarian, Eric Cave recalled they had closed 'that museum piece, the East Road Reading Room and the Ditton Fields Sub-Branch while sub-branches at Cherry Hinton and Trumpington had more to better accommodation. The Libraries were much appreciated and he looked forward to their continued progress. Games, dancing and entertainment followed organised by J.W. Franklin, L.J. Horspool, C.C. Marsh, R.J. Tarrant and Miss B.K. Wadsworth. 58 12 16b



1959 10 14

Cambridge Waterworks Company has managed full unrestricted supplies throughout every drought when elsewhere in the country water has been rationed. But in July torrential rain caused electric power failures which cut out the pumps at Fulbourn and Great Wilbraham. It also flooded the basement of the Fleam Dyke Pumping Station and thousands of gallons of oily water drained back into the well, causing pollution. Despite all this they still maintained supplies from the reservoirs at Cherry Hinton. 59 10 14 & a

1959 11 26

Cambridge has a problem with smoky chimneys. Domestic smoke contains a high proportion of tar which sticks to everything it touches. The 'prefabs' at Church End, Cherry Hinton and Histon Road are a very bad example of the smoking low chimney. The 'cosy coal fire' is by no means as innocent outside the house as it looks to be inside the grate and the rights of the individual should not include the right to choke his neighbour. Smoke Control Orders should be sought, the Public Health Inspector reported. 59 11 26a, b & c

***The Cambridgeshire Collection has detailed newspaper cuttings files from this date***

1960 02 17

Cambridge Children's Playground Association was started after builders complained about children playing destructively with their building materials and when it was noticed that the ordinary playgrounds did not attract many youngsters. The first experimental playground was in Newmarket Road and now one may be formed on the Arbury Estate. There are hundreds of children who have already formed the habit of playing in the streets and in the shopping precinct while the estate has waited six years for a playground. The spinney at Cherry Hinton would also be an ideal site for an 'adventure playground' 60 02 17

1960 04 21

Cambridge will be without its usual street decorations this summer because the staff at the Corporation's Cherry Hinton Hall Nurseries are busy preparing plants for the Royal Show ground. The Hall came into the council's possession soon after 1934 and now two acres are used to grow plants for roundabouts and recreation grounds. They include fuchsias, petunias, stocks, asters, dahlias and lobelia to say nothing of 3,000 daffodils, 20,000 pansies and 40,000 wallflowers. 60 04 21b

1960 04 29

The news that part of the worked-out British Portland Cement clay pits at Cherry Hinton are to be used as a Corporation rubbish dump have aroused opposition. There had to be some better way of getting rid of refuse than putting it in a pit. It would take 25-30 years to get it filled and unless every cartload of rubbish was immediately covered with earth it would become rat-infested. But other pits had been reclaimed: Herbert Robinson's garage in Newmarket Road was built entirely on a filled-in pit. 60 04 29

1960 06 24

A meat wholesaling firm applied for permission to build a new slaughterhouse at Cherry Hinton. They had wanted to put it at Haslingfield but were told that certain electrical apparatus they intended to use might interfere with the work of the Radio Astronomy Laboratories. Residents are appalled that children might be able to see pieces of dead animals lying about. But there was already one slaughterhouse in Cherry Hinton and it would be good for people to see what happened inside one. 60 06 24d

1960 09 28

Jive session at the British Legion Hall in Fisher Lane, Cherry Hinton, attract teenagers from the surrounding villages. There is no problem with the dancing which was marvellously well organised and no alcoholic drinks are sold. It filled a need for young people and had been successful since it started a year ago. But residents complain that the noise of motor cycles revving up and roaring down the lane keeps children awake and also ruins their television pictures. 60 09 28

1962 03 03

None of the aluminium bungalows owned by Cambridge city council is in urgent need of demolition because of corrosion, an inspection has found. However work should be started on pulling down the 100 bungalows at Church End, Cherry Hinton, within two years. This would allow for the area to be cleared for redevelopment. The 135 temporary bungalows in Fisher's Lane, Roseford Close, Walpole Road and on the Green Park Estate were not in such a bad state 62 03 03 a & b

1962 06 08

Somewhere behind Cherry Hinton's façade of newness lies a village. But suburbia is spreading its tentacles into the furthest corners with the noise of cement mixers churning and hammers hammering as estates mushroom out of meadows. Even now the new estates seem to breathe a slightly dispirited air. Individualism is drowned in blanket development. People must be housed and it was inevitable that Cherry Hinton would be swallowed. But no-one who condemns the grey terraces which run beside the Tin Walk can view the new development with joy. 62 06 08

1962 11 07

Cherry Hinton chalk pit may be preserved as an area of exceptional educational value for the study of natural history. It is not an amenity at the moment but should be made one as the chalk cliff is an area of interest. Cambridge University has said it may provide the services of a warden for the area if it were left untouched. The eight-acre site, recently vacated by the Cambridge Civil Defence Corps, is next to land scheduled for extensions to the Grammar School for Boys playing field. 62 11 07

1962 12 19

Cherry Hinton chalk pit where Civil Defence Corps had their headquarters may be a small-bore rifle range or used as a caravan site. – 62 12 19

1963 04 18

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on High Street Cherry Hinton – 63 04 18 [DYS cut]

1963 07 08

New Chequers public house in Cherry Hinton High Street seen behind old building – 63 07 08

1963 07 26

Lime kiln shaft in disused pit working to be blown up by Civil Defence – 63 07 26

1963 08 07

Minutes after the opening Cherry Hinton's new branch library by the Mayor of Cambridge, there were complaints that working men cannot get there before it closes at 7pm and it should stay open an extra hour. There has been a library of sorts for many years. Originally books were kept in a locked bookcase at the entrance to the Church of England School in High Street. It moved to Colville School in the mid-50's. Now work has started on Newmarket Road library after which another will be constructed on Arbury Road 63 08 07b Profile of librarian, Margaret Traviss – 63 08 07c

1963 10 03

More and more Cambridge people are rejecting the idea of a three-bedroomed house and there is a growing demand for small, one or two bedroomed units. Brookfields, on East Road, should consist entirely of these types of property and be supplemented by development at the junction of Carlton Way. The improvement and conversion of the older type of pre-war council houses should be advanced at all speed, councillors were told. They will draw up proposals for the redevelopment of aluminium bungalows at Church End, Cherry Hinton 63 10 03

1964 93 96

Glider crashes Rosemary Lane, Cherry Hinton - 64 03 06

1964 05 05

Sindall Concrete Products Ltd have built a pair of semi-detached houses on their Cherry Hinton Rectory Farm estate which could lead to revolutionary changes in the building industry. The houses can be erected and completed in two days using precision-made concrete panels with built-in insulation and wallpaper or emulsion can be applied direct to the walls. There is a choice of pitched or flat roof types lifted into place by a crane and a brick outer face can be added to give a traditional appearance. 64 05 05

1964 06 13

Pre-fabricated aluminium bungalows Church End Cherry Hinton to be made safe, suffer corrosion – 64 06 13a

1965 01 22

The greenhouses of Cherry Hinton Hall are coming apart with walls bulging, rooms leaking and draughts. Dampness and poor heating make the task of producing sturdy plants soul destroying for the staff of the propagating centre. The boilers are old, obsolete and temperamental. Stoking goes on day and night in boiler rooms which have no proper ventilation. The dust is choking and at times the fumes are so powerful the stoker is in danger of being overcome. But if the temperature drops plants and seedlings will die by the score – 65 01 22

1966 04 22

Cherry Hinton parish room is rat-infested – 66 04 22a

1969 03 18

Cherry Hinton old spring cleaned out – photo – 69 03 18

1969 07 21

Wimpey to build 193 houses on estate Teversham Drift [1.4]

1970 03 25

New Church of England primary school opened [1.3]

1971 04 08

Advert refers to “quiet, peaceful English hamlet of Cherry Hinton” [1.4]

1972 04 12

Hundreds of seagulls are leaving their mark on Cherry Hinton. But the people who live there are not impressed and have asked Cambridge councillors to start a clean-up campaign in the area. The seagulls live on the refuse tip at Coldham's Lane where the pickings are good. But they do not confine their activities to the waste ground and have started to make themselves felt on the residents. And this has upset the housewives who have told the councillors that they prefer their white washing to stay that way. Some residents have referred these problems dropped on them unexpectedly from the heights to the councils Conservative leader, Ald Stanley Bowles. Today he admitted "I just don't know what we can do about the problem. Perhaps we should issue the seagulls with nappies"

1972 07 10

A pirate radio station operating from a Cambridge council house was pounced on by GPO officials and police yesterday. They took away a transmitter and a cassette recorder. The raid on the house came exactly six minutes after the illegal radio station – calling itself Radio Caroline - started its regular Sunday lunchtime pirate broadcast. For more than a year GPO engineers have been trying to track down the wavelength and whereabouts of the radio and using detector vehicles they closed in on the Cherry Hinton area. The station had been broadcasting fairly regularly each Sunday for almost 18 months

1973 04 04

Proposals to eat into the Green Belt between Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn to help solve the Cambridge city housing problems were given a rough ride yesterday by Chesterton Rural District Council, who are responsible for much of the area involved. The proposals include a 1,200 unit housing programme for a 105-acre site on the borders of the city and Chesterton rural district. They would be built to meet the city's housing needs up to 1978. Land outside the city was investigated recently by the city and county planning authorities who favoured the Cherry Hinton site - but Chesterton councillors were upset at the likely intrusion into the green belt

1973 04 06

The villages bordering Cambridge have earned the "necklace" prefix because of their obvious connections with the city. Thousands of commuters have migrated further into the countryside during recent years and some of the once-sleepy villages have had to swallow huge dormitory populations. But, almost without exception they have fought to retain their rural independence and fiercely resisted the take-over ambitions of Cambridge City Council. Now with the county planners talking of another 100 acres for council housing at Cherry Hinton the city council may abandon their fight to expand the Cambridge boundaries

1973 07 31

As 9,500 folk music fans slowly drifted away from Cambridge's ninth and largest weekend Folk Festival, the mammoth task of clearing the site at Cherry Hinton Hall began. Damp weather also took its toll of the ground as thousands tramped over the grass. Hundreds had to be turned away as the allocation of tickets was sold out. Festival director, Ken Woollard, said, "It has become a family affair now with whole families and their children coming. If it were much larger it would lose the character and atmosphere"

1973 11 01

A senior planner warned the new Cambridge district council faced a serious position over the acute shortage of council housing land in the city. David Urwin explained that even if the council were allowed by the government to go ahead with their plans to build houses on 100 acres of land at Cherry Hinton all available council housing land in Cambridge would be used up by the end of 1978. The Environment Committee chairman said "South Cambridgeshire district council apparently do not take gladly to any form of development outside Cambridge. But I hope that we shall be able to negotiate with them"

1973 12 13

Councillor Don Maltby told Cambridge housing committee that Cherry Hinton had always been an isolated part of the city – and residents wanted it to remain that way. "The people of Cherry Hinton are not selfish but are wondering why all these houses should be built there. I think they are right because this is the one part of the city which has always considered itself to be a village". He was speaking about plans to build up to 1,500 houses and flats to accommodate about 4,500 people together with shops and a school in the area.

1974 02 07

During wet weather "concrete cabbages" grow in Cherry Hinton area gardens and "stone-dashed cars" appear overnight in the streets, a Labour councillor claimed. The reason for such unusual sights is the outfall from the chimney of a cement factory, he said. "If any clothes are left out to dry overnight on washing lines they need to be washed again in the morning because they are covered with a fine dust. If you clean your house windows and there is a little rain you have to clean them all over again"

1974 04 13

Cherry Hinton residents were up in arms after they woke up to find a thick film of dust sprinkled over their gardens, houses and cars after a breakdown in the nearby Norman Cement Works. The dust showered during the night from a tall chimney known locally as "Smokey Joe" which dominates one

of the new estates. A resident said "It's all very fine to talk about cars but we must be breathing this stuff in 24 hours a day"

1974 11 18

Council approve permission for 1,500 houses on 93 acre green belt to include bypass [1.8]

1975 03 06

The long dispute between Cambridgeshire planning committee and a number of Cherry Hinton residents about Cambridge city council's plan to build 1500 homes in the village has been brought to an abrupt end. The committee chairman made it clear that the decision to allow the development will stand. No public enquiry could now be held. More time had been spent on the Cherry Hinton issue than on any other matter he could remember.

1975 03 27

A bus ride from the outskirts of Cambridge to the city centre is slightly cheaper than a taxi fare. It's a close thing if you share a taxi with three other people, but if four are travelling together the private car journey, even with a 10p parking fee, is still the cheapest course. Camtax say from Cherry Hinton to the city centre the fare would be 53p. plus 2p VAT.

1975 05 15

First stage of 1,200 home scheme to start in 1978 [1.9]

1975 05 24

For the first time since it was produced almost 20 years ago a prize-winning history of Cherry Hinton is to be available for reference at libraries. The contents were compiled by the Women's Institute in 1958. But the book, hand-written and with water-colour sketches, was too fragile to be easily available. But now staff from the Cambridgeshire Collection have made three complete copies of the book. One will be at Cherry Hinton library.

1975 12 19

A plea was made for British Rail to open a station at Cherry Hinton. The existing traffic problems would get even worse when more than 4,000 extra people went to the village with the new council development. Passenger trains could easily stop there. The idea had already been suggested informally by British Rail and was under consideration. Coun Taylor said a mother with children could pay £1 just to get to Cambridge and back by bus. Coun Rowley thought his was evidence of how the bus service had failed.

1976 03 31

A 21-year-old Cherry Hinton man was sentenced to 120 hours of community service at Cambridge Crown Court. It is the first time such an order has been made in Cambridge. The community service scheme, under which offenders are given work in the community under supervision as an alternative to imprisonment, comes into effect in the Cambridge area tomorrow.

1976 04 02

A plan for building a £13,000 halt at Cherry Hinton on the main Cambridge-Ipswich railway line was rejected by the county highways committee. Cambridge city council had asked for the halt, saying it would be useful for commuters and people working in the expanding office development in Station Road. Councillor Charles Swift (Peterborough) who is a train driver said that halts usually consisted of just a few old railway sleepers by the side of the track and not the station and buildings proposed for Cherry Hinton.

1976 04 05

A new branch of Lloyd's Bank is due to open on the corner of Regent Street and Gonville Place, Cambridge. It will be the first entirely new branch of Lloyds opened in the city since 1964, when a

branch was set out at Cherry Hinton. Five cashier positions have been provided inside the bank, together with a cash dispenser for quick service.

1976 04 30

Lime Kiln Hill could eventually become a footpath and bridleway if a proposed route for the extension of the Cherry Hinton bypass near the Gogs is approved. The County Council will be asked to approve a route which passes east of the reservoir eventually linking with the A604. This was a very long-term project and it was impossible to say when it might be built. There is a lot to be said for preserving Lime Kiln Hill – it is a pleasant rural lane. There would be great problems in widening and improving it

1976 05 08

The huge council estate planned for Cherry Hinton by the former Labour-controlled city council is to be scrapped by the Conservatives following their runaway victory in the elections. The Labour plan envisaged up to 15,000 council dwellings, a bypass, shops, a community centre and four new schools. Some are likely to remain but many of the council houses will disappear in favour of privately-built homes

1976 10 08

Stop building! That was the instruction from the Government that blocked plans for new homes in Cambridge. The Department of the Environment now has the right to veto plans for new house building for at least three months. The first scheme to feel the effects is the Cherry Hinton housing development plans for Walpole Road which were before the council for approval. Although the scheme was given the go-ahead they will now not be allowed to invite tenders during the rest of 1976.

1977 03 23

Major council housing scheme plans unlikely now due to lack of money [1.10]

1977 07 21

One of the most striking features in the property market has been the resurgence of interest in the small terraced city house in the Romsey Town area. Fifteen years ago one could have bought a two up, two down, for about £1,350. By 1967 the price was £2,200 rising to £5,500 by 1972 and is now £8,500 – and increase of 530 per cent. In De Freville Avenue a semi which cost £3,000 in 1962 is now £15,000, and in Queen Edith's Way the figures are £3,350 and £14,500. A post-war semi in Cherry Hinton has risen from £10,000 to £15,000 in the five years from 1972.

1978 07 28

The star that has shone over Cambridge Folk Festival of the past 14 years appears to be waning. There is increasing evidence among the mass of faces at this international event that the serious folkie is now staying away and that Cambridge – once the most prestigious event in the folk calendar – is slowly being taken over by an unfortunate yobby element who treat Cherry Hinton Hall like a Pontins holiday camp

1978 08 04

Renewed attempts will be made to have the annual Cambridge folk festival moved from its traditional home in Cherry Hinton Hall grounds to the more spacious surroundings of Coldham's Common. They have been reinforced by the state of the grounds after the heavy rain at this year's event which have been terribly churned up and it will take months for them to be reinstated. Last year councillors opposed such a move fearing that people living on the Whitehill housing estate would be subject to noise until late into the night.

1979 06 22

A few years ago the blacksmith's craft looked to be dying. But as the last of the old-timers retired a new generation of smiths discovered there is still plenty of business for a good craftsman. Bill Sargent, Lode's village blacksmith for 60 years, is 81 and only keeps working to entertain himself,

though he provides a valuable service to the farming community. He thinks the shortage of petrol could see farmers having to reintroduce shire horses to work the land. But 20-year-old blacksmith Vic Saunders from Cherry Hinton says his principal trade is in wrought-iron work such as balconies and gates. He likes the variety of work and would be happy to shoe horses but thinks this unlikely. When Bill Sargent finally hangs up his leather apron there will be no heir to follow him into the trade but it's quite possible another young blacksmith will buy the business and carry on where he leaves off.

1980 09 24

The Rathmore Club was founded 63 years ago as Cherry Hinton Liberal Club but with the changing political climate became a social club about 20 years ago. Now the general financial situation, falling membership – they have only 350 members - and reduced bar sales means it may cease to operate at the end of the month. 80 09 24a

1981 04 23

An era has ended at Cherry Hinton Hall with the closure of the nursery school that has flourished there since September 1949. Its head teacher for 30 years, Miss Norah Littlehales retired last August. The big-house-in-the-park, built over a century ago to house a noble family, now has its dilapidation problems and there are no immediate plans for its future use. 81 04 23

1981 05 14

Wartime correspondence between the Home Office and the man who would have run Cambridge in the event of a major disaster has been unearthed in the Public Record Office. Mr F.R. Scott would have assumed total control of the eastern counties and his letters give details of damage to Cherry Hinton Hall and private houses, including a small fire caused by an oil incendiary bomb falling on a house in Tenison Avenue. They were sent from St Regis, Montague Road, which served as the region's civil defence headquarters until 1945. Later Cambridge was again chosen as a regional seat of government in 1959 to cope with the aftermath of a nuclear attack. 81 05 14b

1982 02 08

The Bishop of Huntingdon, the Rt Rev Gordon Roe conducted the opening service at the new community centre at St Andrew's Church. Cherry Hinton. Much of the money has been raised by the Vicar, Rev Chris Barber, his son John and parishioners including a 30-hour sponsored croquet marathon by the church youth club. 82 02 08

1982 04 26

Sir - Independence for Cherry Hinton should be an election issue. Residents never wanted to be swallowed up by an expanding Cambridge and wish to be separate village. It is detached from the city by a 'green belt' including Netherhall playing fields, Coldham's Lane rubbish tips and Marshall's airfield where it is unlikely that any new development will take place. It has all the amenities such as a library, post office, shops and schools. Candidates should realise the importance of maintaining a community spirit – Cherry Hinton Liberation Front spokesman. 82 04 26

1982 08 21

British Rail's controversial plans to install automatic half-barriers at Cherry Hinton level crossing have been rejected. It marks a victory for the large numbers of protestors who considered they would be dangerous so close to two primary schools. Had they been put in residents were prepared to stand on the lines and stop trains. 82 08 21

1983 08 11

It's not just Sunday mornings which are reserved for washing the car for residents in St Bede's Crescent, Cherry Hinton: they have to whip their sponges and leathers into action every day to clean off dust from the nearby Norman Cement Works. They have complained to the company who say they are cautious about any emissions & there are several sources of dust such as a rubbish disposal tip to which lorries are constantly driving. But they gave them a bottle of diluted hydrochloric acid for cleaning the windows. 83 08 11 p8

1984 08 10

Cherry Hinton could get its long-awaited bypass if the controversial 86-acre housing development goes ahead on the outskirts of Cambridge. The new road would run from Airport Way to meet Fulbourn Road near the hospital. Originally a bypass was planned to run from Quy interchange to the foot of the Gogs Hill to link up with the A604 but the route ran into objections from conservationists and was dropped as an economy measure. 84 08 10 p13

1984 12 14

400-home land deal delayed by technical difficulties [1.11]

1985 05 24

The Landlord of the Eagle in Bene't Street is in favour of all-day opening: the pub is often still packed when drinking-up time is called in the afternoons and many people try to get a drink between 3pm and 6pm. Later hours would be attractive to tourists who don't have to get up for work next day. But the landlord of the Robin Hood and Little John, Cherry Hinton, says it would have little effect on out-of-town pubs and the Queen's Head at Newton say prices would have to go up to pay for staff wages 85 05 24a

1985 08 02

Cambridge ratepayers received a cheque for £2 million from one of the country's largest housing developers. It was accompanied by a legally binding promise from McLean Homes to build the much-needed Cherry Hinton bypass road for free. They may also give a plot of land for a new primary school. This is the council's profit on the largest land deal in Cambridge local government history. The housing development company has bought 51 acres of prime housing land owned by the council and others. Another 50 acres are to be sold shortly 85 08 02

1985 12 11

Cherry Hinton community centre on recreation ground scrapped – 85 12 11b

1985 12 20

Cherry Hinton level crossing fight against half-barriers has been lost – 85 12 20

1986 02 01

Cherry Hinton railway crossing protest – 86 02 01

1986 04 22

Cherry Hinton has a new health food and delicatessen shop. Peppercorns is stocked with all manner of rare and unusual foods with a range of Mexican, Chinese and Indian specialities. But one of the biggest sellers are the Newmarket sausages made to a traditional recipe at the Pork Shop. They also want to encourage local people to make jams, quiches and tarts that can be sold in the shop 86 04 22a

1986 08 27

British Rail may build new stations near Cambridge and Huntingdon as part of a modernisation scheme. A county transportation spokesman called for stations at Milton and at new villages near Waterbeach and Swavesey which are under consideration in the Structure Plan review. He'd also like to see the St Ives to Cambridge line re-opened and a stop at Milton would help to service the Science Park as well. This was endorsed by the Railway Development Society who also suggested stations at North Arbury and Cherry Hinton. 86 08 27

1986 12 27

Peppercorns health food and delicatessen, which has expanded remarkably quickly from small beginnings in Cherry Hinton, has moved into larger premises in Mill Road. The shop has shelves of natural foods, freshly-roasted coffees, 50 types of cheese and the exotic delights of houmous and taramasalata together with quiches, pizzas and even vegetarian scotch eggs. 86 12 27



1986 12 01

Clergy at Melbourn are planning an extension to the parish church on a concrete 'raft' so graves will not be disturbed. A meeting room, vestry, kitchen and lavatories will be built over the old graveyard. There are no headstones and the last burial was more than 100 years ago. It is becoming quite a common thing: similar scheme at Cherry Hinton, Milton and Ely have all been successful. If graves are disturbed the church would give special permission for reburial 86 12 01b

1987 07 08

60 years ago Cherry Hinton High Street was full of little cottages lived in my farm workers [1.14]

1987 09 18

The Cambridge - St Ives railway line could be reopened to passengers and linked with Stansted as part of a major new project. The service, shut for nearly 20 years, would be launched with a show-piece electric service along the 14-mile line which is at present only used by freight trains. There would be three new stations at the Science Park, Coldham's Lane and Long Road. Other stations would be built or reopened, under plans announced by the County council, including Chittering, Fulbourn and Cherry Hinton. 87 09 18a

1987 10 17

A giant ski and leisure park may be built in a redundant chalk pit at Lime Kiln Road, Cherry Hinton. It would include an Alpine village-style ski lodge with a club and restaurant, a 230-metre ski slope, a lake for canoeing and sub-aqua pursuits, a toboggan run and climbing on a cliff face. Full consultation has taken place with the Nature Conservation Council to protect two rare plants and ensure the natural environment is preserved. 87 10 17

1987 11 03

Peppercorns delicatessen and health food business began two years ago with an idea and a sandwich delivery round. Edmund and Christopher Bliss opened a shop in Cherry Hinton but it wasn't large enough, so when the chance came to take on a shop in Mill Road they were eager to do so. Now they have opened another in Grantchester Road. As well as coffee and bread they sell cheese such as Cornish Yarg and English Cheddar which at £1.10p per lb is a popular buy with students. 87 11 03a.

1987 12 08

Businessmen behind a proposed £1m ski and leisure complex at Cherry Hinton have pledged to work with conservationists to preserve wildlife on the site at Lime Kiln Hill. If built it would feature the longest dry ski slope in England, a toboggan run, ski-hire facilities, a play area, pet's corner and a lake. But the end nearest to houses in Queen Edith's Way would remain a nature reserve. However some residents fear the development would be the 'thin end of the wedge' 87 12 08

1987 12 23

Cambridge planners back Cherry Hinton chalk pit ski-centre plans – 87 12 23a

1987 12 18

Cherry Hinton level crossing is being restored by volunteers at the Museum of Technology in Cheddars Lane, Cambridge. The aim is to resite the crossing somewhere in the area on private land. Former mayor John Woodhouse, who has campaigned against British Rail replacing the gates with automatic barriers will be asked to perform the opening ceremony 87 12 18

1988 01 07

A taxi guard of honour lined Cherry Hinton High Street in tribute to John Phillips, the big-hearted former cabbie who helped raise millions of pounds for health care. Twenty-seven cars were on parade as the funeral cortege made its way to St Andrew's Church which was packed with mourners including past and present Mayors and MPs. Mr Phillips was a former director of United Taxis and ran his own firm. He was chairman of an appeal for Addenbrooke's Hospital scanner unit opened by

Prince Charles in 1981 and a magnetic response scanner opened by the Duchess of Kent last year. 88 01 07a

1988 01 07

A new railway station designed to ease Cambridge's worsening transport problems could be sited near the A10 at Milton, says British Rail. No costs for the 'Cambridge Parkway' halt have yet been worked out but BR would almost certainly look for cash from the community to build the new station and car park. Last year the City and County Councils provided £125,000 help pay for new crossing gates at Cherry Hinton 88 01 07c

1988 02 17

Three new railway stations at Cherry Hinton, Fulbourn and the Chittering area have been suggested in a County council report. But stations at Harston, Offord and Soham have been rejected on grounds of cost. British Rail plans to build a new 'parkway' station to the north of Cambridge to meet growing commuter passenger growth. But calls to re-open the Cambridge to St Ives freight line to passengers are firmly ruled out. It would cost £4.84 million, greatly outweighing potential income, consultants say 88 02 17

1989 08 01

Princess Diana opened Cherry Hinton Village Centre

1989 09 07

Cherry Hinton primary school opens in Hayster Drive 89 09 07b

1989 11 21

Co-op chiefs have been forced to sell off the freehold of their Burleigh Street store to fend off a cash crisis. The Victorian building has been sold to a London Investment Company and they will lease back the premises. The Co-op began trading in Burleigh Street in 1908 but has been hit by soaring interest rates on loans taken out to cover major projects such as the massive Beehive Centre. It has already put branches up for sale in Mill Road, Milton Road, Waterbeach, Duxford & Cherry Hinton. 89 11 21

1989 11 28

The new South East Cycleway from Market Square to Cherry Hinton follows quiet back roads, avoiding the nightmarish Mill Road which can reduce cyclists to a nervous wreck. It includes a new £2million bridge across the railway near Cambridge station. This is a striking structure with a triangular tower from which cables support a cycle and walkway fully protected from the elements by a transparent polycarbonate tube. It is thought to be the longest bridge of its type in Western Europe. 89 11 28a, 29

1990 03 02

Robert Rhodes James MP for Cambridge, who was elected in 1976 when David Lane resigned his seat, is to stand down. He has campaigned to prevent British Rail installing controversial half barriers at Cherry Hinton railway crossing, fought the closure of St Bede's and Park Street primary schools and helped win a giant TriStar conversion deal for Marshall's. He also persuaded the Government to match the £2 million donated by David Robinson for the building of the Rosie Maternity Hospital. But he has been a fierce critic of the student loans plan. – 90 03 02, a

1990 03 16

Cambridge's pioneering £2.6 million cycleway scheme is helping to cut the death toll on the city's roads with over 2,000 people a day using the route. Supporters say the South East Cycle Route from Cherry Hinton to the city centre is also being used by pedestrians. The giant £1.7 cycle bridge was opened by the Minister for Roads in November and is fitted with security cameras. Some people dismissed it as a hare-brained idea at first but it is worth the time and effort, says Tony Carter, after whom the bridge has been named. – 90 03 16

1990 04 13

Cherry Hinton Robin Hood & Little John pub has new restaurant – 90 04 13a

1990 05 17

Spinney School Cherry Hinton official opening – 90 05 17a

1990 07 02

Eland Way development of 84 council properties in Cherry Hinton constructed on a ‘design and build’ contract by Sindalls in conjunction with city council – 90 07 02a